

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

YE ZHOU, Individually and On Behalf of All
Others Similarly Situated,

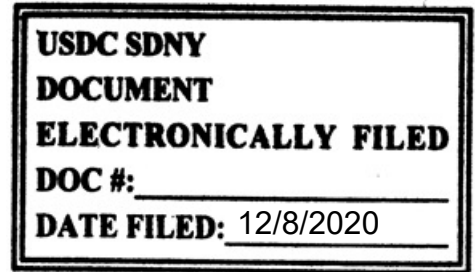
Plaintiff,

v.

NEXTCURE, INC., MICHAEL RICHMAN,
STEVEN P. COBOURN, KEVIN N. HELLER,
M.D., DAVID KABAKOFF, PH.D., ELAINE V.
JONES, PH.D., CHAU Q. KHUONG, JUDITH
J. LI, BRIGGS MORRISON, M.D., TIM
SHANNON, M.D., STEPHEN WEBSTER,
STELLA XU, MORGAN STANLEY & CO.
LLC, BOFA SECURITIES, INC., PIPER
JAFFRAY & CO., NEEDHAM & COMPANY,
LLC, and BTIG, LLC,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:20-cv-07772-LTS-RWL



**ORDER GRANTING YE ZHOU’S MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT AS LEAD
PLAINTIFF AND APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF LEAD COUNSEL**

Having considered the papers filed in support of Plaintiff Ye Zhou’s (“Zhou”) motion for appointment as lead plaintiff and approval of selection of lead counsel, pursuant to §21D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), for good cause shown, and no opposition having been received, the Court hereby enters the following Order:

APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF

1. Having considered the provisions of the PSLRA, codified at §21D of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(3)(B), the Court hereby determines that Zhou is the most adequate lead plaintiff and satisfies the requirements of the PSLRA. The Court hereby appoints Zhou as Lead Plaintiff to represent the interests of the Class in the above-captioned action (the “Action”).

APPROVAL OF LEAD COUNSEL

2. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §78u-4(a)(3)(B)(v), Zhou has selected and retained the law firm of Scott+Scott Attorneys at Law LLP to serve as Lead Counsel. The Court approves Zhou's selection of Lead Counsel for the Action.

3. Lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities and duties to be carried out either personally or through counsel whom Lead Counsel shall designate:

- (a) coordinate the briefing and argument of any and all motions;
- (b) coordinate the conduct of any and all discovery proceedings;
- (c) coordinate the examination of any and all witnesses in depositions;
- (d) coordinate the selection of counsel to act as spokesperson(s) at all pretrial conferences;
- (e) call meetings of the plaintiffs' counsel as deemed necessary and appropriate from time to time;
- (f) coordinate all settlement negotiations with counsel for Defendants;
- (g) coordinate and direct pretrial discovery proceedings, preparation for trial, and trial of the Action and delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required;
- (h) coordinate the preparation and filings of all pleadings; and
- (i) supervise all other matters concerning the prosecution or resolution of the claims asserted in the Action.

4. No motion, discovery request, or other pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs without the approval of Lead Counsel, so as to prevent duplicative pleadings or discovery by plaintiffs. No settlement negotiations shall be conducted without the approval of Lead Counsel.

5. Service upon any plaintiff of all pleadings, motions, or other papers in the Action, except those specifically addressed to a plaintiff other than Lead Plaintiff, shall be completed upon service of Lead Counsel.

6. Lead Counsel shall be the contact between plaintiffs and plaintiffs' counsel and Defendants' counsel, as well as the spokespersons for all plaintiffs' counsel, and shall direct and coordinate the activities of plaintiffs' counsel. Lead Counsel shall be the contact between the Court and plaintiffs and their counsel.

NEWLY FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS

7. When a case that arises out of the subject matter of the Action is hereinafter filed in this Court or transferred to this Court from another court, the Clerk of this Court shall:

- (a) file a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
- (b) mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly filed or transferred case; and
- (c) make the appropriate entry in the docket for the Action.

8. Each new case arising out of the subject matter of the Action that is filed in this Court or transferred to this Court shall be consolidated with the Action and this Order shall apply thereto, unless a party objecting to this Order or any provision of this Order shall, within 14 days after the date upon which a copy of this Order is served on counsel for such party, file an application for relief from this Order or any provision herein and this Court deems it appropriate to grant such application.

9. During the pendency of the Action, or until further order of this Court, the parties shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents within their possession, custody, or control,

including computer-generated and stored information and materials, such as computerized data and electronic mail, containing information that is relevant to or may lead to the discovery of information relevant to the subject matter of the pending litigation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 8, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lehrburger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HONORABLE ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE